

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you're always

Welcome!

Parish Office Hours—

Monday – Thursday 9:00am–4:00pm
Monday is the Rector's scheduled day off

315-685-7600
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St. James' News for the Week of December 3, 2017

Newcomer Coffee—TODAY!

December 3rd-12 pm in the Lakeside Room. You are cordially invited to join our Pastor, Becky Coerper for coffee and fellowship. This is an informal time designed to share some helpful information about our church with you. Most importantly, we want to learn more about you! Please RSVP to Nancy Graham at Nancy@stjamesskan.org

Spirit Articles for January Issue due December 15th!

Volunteers for December 17th Lunch for Pageant Practice

In order to put on the best pageant possible, the Children's Ministry has a dry run on the 17th after the 10:45 service. Once this is over, the kids are hungry! Anyone who can help order the pizza, snacks, and drinks would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjamesskan.org.

Christmas Flowers

Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes are now available in each pew pocket. If you are interested in donating toward the Christmas flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the red envelope with your donation and return to the Parish Office or offering plate before Monday, December 18th. The names of those honored will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. It is helpful to write clearly as the office receives many envelopes and truly wants to correctly recognize each honoree. Any questions, feel free to contact Beth in the Parish Office at Beth@stjamesskan.org.

Coat Drive

For Interfaith Works' New Americans, this year, we will be collecting children and youth winter coats, snow pants and boots. For the Rescue Mission, we will be collecting Adult winter coats. We ask that they be new or gently used and clean. Please no stains or rips. Thank you. Any questions please contact Carolyn Legg, 315-685-5203 or Nancy Graham at 315- 317-0138.

Christmas at Tiffany's—TODAY!

MasterWorks Chorale Chamber Singers under the direction of Kip Coerper will perform Christmas a capella choral selections in beautiful Willard Chapel on Sunday Dec 3 at 2pm. A \$10 donation will help support the chapel and the Singers

MasterWorks Chorale Christmas Concert

"The Colors of Christmas" will be performed under the direction of Kip Coerper on Sunday December 17 at 4pm at First Presbyterian Church, Skaneateles. tickets \$15, seniors \$10, children under 18 free. For more information: masterworkscny.org

Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

Skaneateles Outreach office is looking for people wanting to adopt a family, supplying a school outfit, pajamas, and toy for a child. Call Jacque McConaghy, 315.685.0427

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Coffee Hour Brunch in the Parish Hall between the 7:30 & 9:00am services

7:30 am | Traditional Eucharist
9:00 am | Traditional Eucharist with Choir
9:00 am | Baptism of Paige Ryan Scott
9:00 am | S.I.T. (Saints in Training)
9:15 am | Confirmation Class with Toppie
9:30 am | Middle School Youth meet at Johnny Angels

10:30 am | Staffed Nursery
10:45 am | Contemporary Holy Eucharist with Worship Band
12:00 pm | Newcomer Coffee in Lakeside Room

Monday Rector's Schedule Day Off

9:30 am | Yoga led by Eva Pajak ~ Lower level, Chapel

Tuesday

7:30 am | Centering Prayer ~ Lakeside Rm.

Wednesday

8:30 am | Staff Meeting
6:00 pm | Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer
7:30 pm | Worship Band Rehearsal

Thursday

4:30 pm | Project Team Meeting
7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

Friday Parish Office Closed

7:30 am | Centering Prayer ~ Lakeside Room

Sunday, December 10, 2017

7:30 am | Traditional Eucharist
9:00 am | Traditional Eucharist with Choir
9:00 am | S.I.T. (Saints in Training)
10:30 am | Staffed Nursery
10:45 am | Contemporary Holy Eucharist with Worship Band



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Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all
families.

Let Mary's openness to your
wondrous ways be an inspiration
to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and
uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with
a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all
families.

For this we pray.
Amen.



Thrift Shop Looking for New Cashiers

The St. James' Thrift Shop is looking for some new folks to help in the shop as cashiers. Training is provided. Contact Laura Bigness at lbig638@yahoo.com if you'd like to volunteer.

Christmas Giving Tree

The tree located in the rear of the church still has 12 items left for gifts to fill. Please consider taking an item this season. These gifts help the needs of local outreach, refugee families, and Meachem Elementary. All items should be wrapped and returned to the hallway outside of the Parish Hall with the tag on it labeled clearly by December 10th. If you took a gas card envelope, cash, check or card can be inserted and returned to the Parish Office or offering plate. Any questions, please contact Nancy Graham at Nancy@stjameskan.org.

Rescue Mission Fun

Would you like to keep up with the latest serving opps at the Rescue Mission? Like joining a Game Night or The Polar Express PJ party! You can receive weekly updates by sending a request to stavenhagent@gmail.com.

First Friday in Advent

December 8th 7-9 pm is a quiet evening of prayer in the Parish Hall and Church. Come as you are able. More information in the December Spirit.

Food Pantry Donations for Christmas

The Food Pantry is requesting 50 boxes of muffin mix for December. These donations can be dropped off in the box located outside the Parish Hall. Please NO corn muffin mix. The donations are required before December 10th.

Construction Update

The construction of the walkway and elevator installation are well under way. Please pay special notice of signage and where you enter and exit the church. In addition, the hallways upstairs and downstairs where the bathrooms are located will be under construction. All will be required to use alternate paths inside to avoid working areas. The best rule of thumb is to use caution at all times and pay attention to signage. This will only be for a short time. Your patience is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 315-685-7600.

Refugee Friends in need of a Car

Tamana Tajik, the young woman who shared her story at the worship service last month, and her family are in need of a car. Their old car broke down and transport for her mother to arrive at work on time is very challenging, along with the needs of four teen siblings (getting groceries, etc.) If you happen to know of someone who would like to donate a vehicle please contact Nancy Graham nancymgraham4@gmail.com or Tina Stavenhagen-Helgren tstavenhagen@gmail.com

Coffee Hour Food Donations

In an effort to support Coffee Hour, St. James' is requesting people to bake some morning treats like coffee cake, muffins, cookies, etc. These can be placed in the freezer labeled. This food will enable volunteers to easily prepare coffee hour each week. For more information, please contact Nancy Graham (nancy@stjameskan.org).

Readings for December 10, 2017

The 2nd Sunday in Advent
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:8-13
Mark 1:1-8

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24th

7:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent Eucharist

3:30 pm Children's Pageant Eucharist

6:30 pm Contemporary Eucharist with
Worship Band

9:00 pm Special Music

9:30 pm Traditional Eucharist with Choir

Monday, December 25th

10:00 am Christmas Eucharist with Carols

New Year's Eve Services

Sunday, December 31st

7:30 am Traditional Eucharist

10:00 am Eucharist with Jazz Band

11:15 am Celebratory Brunch

This week, please pray for:

Our Parishes

Trinity Church, Boonville; The Rev. Linda Logan, Rector

St. Paul's Church, Brownville; The Rev.

Ninon Hutchinson, Priest-in-Charge

Watertown Urban Mission – Jubilee Center,
Watertown

Our Diocese:

Pray for all those being Confirmed or
Received this week

Our Companion Diocese:

Pray for Jean, Ita, Maura and Dorothy,
martyred Sisters

The Episcopal Church:

Pray for the Rt. Rev. Marian Edgar Budde,
Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, D.C.

The Anglican Communion:

Pray for the Rt. Rev. Henry Katumba-Ta-
male, Bishop of West Buganda (Uganda)

Our Neighbors

Owasco Reformed Church, Rev. E. J. de
Waard, and all leaders and staff.

Those expecting a baby Carolyn Davis
Hassen.

Those who are sick or in need of prayer
Laverne Doctor, Loretta Newman, John
Bisaha (brother of Rita Keyes), Matthew
Cornachio, Steve Driscoll, Kimber Castro,
Beverly Wike (sister of Rick Keyes).

We also bless thy holy name for all the
servants departed this life: Paul Fritsch,
Dr. Richard A. Edwards, James Pfau,
(brother of Bill Pfau).